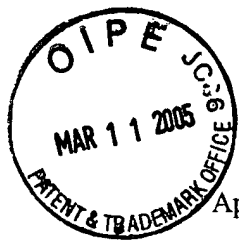


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, the time for response having  
been extended by petition, and further in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
dated February 24, 2005, please consider the following:

An amendment to the specification begins on page 2 of this document.

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